FOREWORD

The first and second volumes of *The Papers of James Iredell* are being published in 1976 by the Division of Archives and History of the Department of Cultural Resources as a contribution to the bicentennial of the American Revolution. The role of James Iredell, Sr., in the Revolution is portrayed through his correspondence published in these volumes. Dr. Don Higginbotham is continuing his work on the series, and the next volume of correspondence will be eagerly anticipated.

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Miss Beth Crabtree, historical publications editor with the Historical Publications Section, worked closely with Dr. Higginbotham in preparing copy for the press; she and Mr. Robert G. Anthony, Jr., the section's proofreader, proofed the volume. Mrs. Mary Frances Kelly and Mrs. Margaret Brock, former employees, transcribed many Iredell letters from manuscript form into typed copies; Mrs. Rose Ennemoser typed the index.

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